

### **REMARKS**

As an initial matter, Applicants acknowledge with thanks the Examiner's indication that Claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1 and 3-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 1 has been amended to delete "n=0 and p=4." Claim 26 has been amended to delete compounds represented by formula II-a, II-b, II-c, III-a and III-b. Reconsideration of Claim 1 and 3-26 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph is therefore respectfully requested.

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,739,296 or 6,174,394 ("Gvon"). Claim 7 has been amended to depend on allowable Claim 1. Similarly, Claim 19 has been amended to depend on allowable Claim 17. Accordingly, reconsideration of rejections of Claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and 103(a) is respectfully requested.

### **Conclusion**

Based on the foregoing, Applicant submits that the instant Claims are in condition for allowance. An early indication of the same is therefore respectfully requested. If any matters can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below. No fees beyond those being submitted concurrently herewith are believed due.

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